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SUBJ: SENIOR ISTANBUL POLICE OFFICIAL'S VIEWS ON SECURITY SITUATION

SUMMARY: DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF KANER DISCUSSED ACTION BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH STUDENT DISTURBANCES AND POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS. HE DESCRIBED CURRENT CAMPUS SITUATION AS QUIET AND SAID POLICE ARE TAKING MEASURES TO CONTROL STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. HE NOTED THAT HELPFUL ELEMENT IN PRESENT SITUATION WAS ABSTENTION OF RPP YOUTH GROUPS FROM CONFRONTATION WITH POLICE. KANER FELT POLICE ALSO CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ANY POTENTIAL TERRORIST THREAT. END SUMMARY.

1. CONGENOFFS, DET 26 COMMANDER NAGEL AND SA MORSE MARCH 10 CALLED ON ISTANBUL DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF KANER IN ORDER OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION. KANER SAID THAT CAMPUSES WERE RELATIVELY CALM DUE TO A COMBINATION OF EFFECTIVE POLICE ACTION AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY  
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(RPP) YOUTH BRANCH NOT TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH EXTREME LEFTIST

ELEMENTS IN FOMENTING STUDENT STRIFE. AS EXAMPLE OF POLICE EFFECTIVENESS HE CITED BREAKING OF BOYCOTT AT KADIKOY ATATURK TEACHING INSTITUTE, (ATATURK EGITIM INSTITUSIU). WITH COOPERATION OF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, POLICE LED BY KANER HIMSELF CONDUCTED TWO DAYS OF CAREFUL SCREENING, AND ARRESTED 46 STUDENT TROUBLEMAKERS, ( OUT OF A STUDENT BODY OF NEARLY TWO THOUSAND). A JUDGE UPHELD THE ARRESTS ON GROUND THAT DETAINEES HAD BEEN INTERFERING WITH THE MAJORITY'S RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EDUCATION, AND KANER EXPECTS THE 46 TO SPEND A WEEK IN JAIL WHICH HE FELT WOULD DISSUADE MOST OF THEM FROM CONTINUING THEIR PAST ACTIVITIES.

2. KANER IN DISCUSSING THE RPP YOUTH BRANCH'S ABSTENTION FROM INTERVENTION IN RECENT BOYCOTTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS SAID THAT THIS GROUP IS SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION AMONG STUDENTS AND PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DETERMINING HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION WILL BECOME. WITHOUT RPP YOUTH PARTICIPATION RECENT PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN MORE MANAGEABLE AS THEY HAVE INVOLVED HUNDREDS RATHER THAN THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS.

3. COMMENTING ON TERRORISM, KANER REPORTED THAT A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AS TERRORIST SUSPECTS, AND MAJORITY HAVE ADMITTED LINKS WITH TURKISH WORKERS AND PEASANTS LIBERATION ARMY (TIKKO). NONE APPEAR TO BE IMPORTANT FIGURES BUT INTERROGATION IS CONTINUING. KANER SAID THAT POLICE WERE IN POSITION TO DEAL WITH ANY POTENTIAL THREAT. WITH REFERENCE TO SECURITY OF CONSULATE PERSONNEL, KANER REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR HAD SENT A CONFIDENTIAL ORDER TO THE KAYMAKAM OF SARIYER, THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR AREA IN WHICH LARGE NUMBER OF CONGEN PERSONNEL LIVE, INSTRUCTING HIM TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN RUMELIHISAR AND EMIRGAN DISTRICTS. KANER DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT KIND OF MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN, BUT CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE NOTICED ADDITIONAL WATCHMEN AND UNIFORMED POLICE IN RUMELIHISAR AREA.

4. KANER DID NOT EXPECT DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISTANBUL IN CONNECTION WITH FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCH 12, 1971 "COUP BY MEMORANDUM", BUT DID STATE THAT WORKERS PROTESTING OUSTER OF EMPLOYEES OF VATAN HOSPITAL WILL HOLD SMALL PROTEST MEETING IN BAYAZAT AND SULTANAHMET AREAS OF OLD CITY ON MARCH 13.

5. ACCORDING TO KANER, MAJOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING ORGANIZED BY KEMAL TURKLER, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNIONS (DISK), FOR MAY 1. KANER SAID THAT POLICE ARE KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON DISK ACTIVITIES, SINCE CONFEDERATION IS STRONG AND CAPABLE OF ATTRACTING LARGE CROWDS.

6. NOTING THAT POLICE MORALE WAS GOOD KANER REPORTED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EFFORT IMPROVE CAPABILITY AND EFFECTIVE-

NESS OF POLICE. THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY GRANTED A 300 TL PER MONTH SALARY INCREASE AND HAS PROJECTED A "REMO" POLICE REMODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF 10 BILLION TURKISH LIRA OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD. THIS PROGRAM ENVISIONS PURCHASE OF SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, FINANCING OF TRAINING PROGRAMS (PRIMARILY FROM WEST GERMANY), AND CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE HOUSE, RECREATION AND OTHER FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED FOR MILITARY.

7. COMMENT: KANER CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN POLICE FORCE'S AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND ASSURED US THAT US PERSONNEL WERE NOT IN DANGER. AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, NIHA BEY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE US FOR TURKISH POLICE, INCLUDING TRAINING FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS LIKE HIMSELF.  
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